



SATURDAY EVENING, NOV. 24, 1894.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24, 1894. Messrs. Thorp, McCaull and McDonald, republican contestants for seats in the next House from Virginia, met by chance in the Metropolitan Hotel here this morning and had quite a confab. Mr. Thorp will be his own counsel but will have ex-Congressman Brady, of his State, as consulting counsel. Messrs. McCaull and McDonald have not yet, it is said, engaged their counsel.

The bids for the fifty million five percent gold bonds were opened to-day. The Stewart syndicate, of New York, on behalf of thirty banks in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago, bid \$116,888 for the entire amount. Some of the bids for small amounts were as high as 118. The United States Trust Co. Syndicate, of New York, has submitted a bid of \$117,077 for all of the \$50,000,000 bond loan. So far this is the highest offered figure for a large amount. The trust companies bid will probably be accepted. The aggregate amount of the offers received will reach between \$175,000,000 and \$200,000,000.

A prominent democratic congressman, here to-day, says the only legislation that will be enacted at the coming short session of Congress will be the passage of the regular appropriation bills, and that the democrats may be thankful if all of them can be passed without more trouble to their party.

Mr. J. E. Clements of Alexandria county, who is in the land business here, says he hears that Mr. McCaull really intends to contest the election of Congressman Meredith. He says the worst that can happen to Mr. Meredith from such a contest will be another election, and that if there be another one, Mr. Meredith's majority instead of being twenty-three hundred, will be forty-three hundred, as there were thousands of democrats in his district who didn't vote at the late election.

The demurrer filed by counsel for Captain Hoggate, the alleged embezzling disbursing officer of the Signal Service, to the indictment against him, was argued to-day before Judge McComas. The Captain was present. He did not show any ill effects from his jail confinement, and seemed a little nervous and considerably bored at the proceedings. His counsel contended that the indictment was defective in many particulars, one being that the indictment did not show that the alleged forgeries had been detrimental to the person or institution, and it was therefore invalid. While the demurrer was being argued, the grand jury was hearing witnesses with a view to bringing in a new indictment against the Captain.

Ex-Congressman Brady of Virginia is counsel for Commander of F. R. Smith, U. S. N., now being tried by court martial here for scandalous conduct.

It is said at the White House to-day that the President has entirely recovered, and will come into town next Tuesday. Postmaster General Bissell is again well and is at his office regularly. Thirty congressmen are now in the city, but among them there is no Virginian, Senator or Representative. All of them, however, are expected here next week.

At last night's meeting of the Virginia democratic association of this city a motion to take the usual recess after every election was laid on the table. A resolution censuring Postmaster Willett of this city for appointing republican subordinates was amended by making the censure general instead of special, but the debate on it was so long that the hour of adjournment arrived before a vote could be taken. It is said that but for that it would have passed.

Hundreds of people here and in Alexandria have been caught by the Fidelity Building and Loan Association of this city, which was operated under an Alexandria charter.

FAUQUIER NOTES.

Gibson & Fletcher shipped from Delaplane Tuesday nine car loads of first class cattle.

Mr. Wm. H. Klipstein has left Fauquier with his boys for his home at Bakersfield, Cal.

Mr. Burke Skinner died at his home near Delaplane Friday morning, Nov. 16th in the 46th year of his age.

Mr. James Butler has returned to Waterloo from a very pleasant trip to Alexandria among his friends. He says he believes "Waterloo is the place to get a wife, and Alexandria a place for enjoyment."

Major H. A. Ricketts, of Mexico, Mo., has lost his bride of only five weeks. She died suddenly at her new home from heart failure shortly after parting with her friends in the gayest spirits. The Major is a member of the Black Horse Camp, and has made pilgrimage hither to be at every re-union of his old comrades.—Warrenton Index.

PORT ARTHUR CAPTURED.—Dispatches have been received that the Japanese captured Port Arthur on Wednesday last, after eighteen hours' fighting.

Port Arthur, the native name of which is Lu Shun Kou, is the chief naval station of China. The defenses of the port consisted of well-constructed forts armed with modern guns of heavy caliber. The coast defenses are spread over more than four miles of seaboard, and consist of about twelve batteries. The armament consists of more than forty Krupp guns, varying from six inches to 9.06 inches, including some rifled mortars. In addition, there is a torpedo boat station and an elaborate system of submarine mines. The western side of the port is protected by the shoaling of the harbor. The garrison was said to consist of about 7,000 men.

PENITENTIARY STATISTICS.—The annual report of Superintendent Lynn, of the State penitentiary, is now in the hands of the printer and it shows startling statistics as to the relative proportion of the white and colored convicts. Mr. Lynn says that he begins the year with 1,330 convicts, an increase of 139 since last report. In 1870 there were 145 white convicts out of a total white population of 612,089, or one in 5,000. In the same year there were 616 colored convicts out of a total colored population of 618,341, or six in 5,000. In 1880 the account stood as follows: White population, 880,858; white convicts, 340, or one in 4,000. Colored population, 631,616; colored convicts, 673, or six in 5,000. White population, 1,015,123; white convicts, 215, or one in 5,000. Colored population, 640,557; colored convicts, 777, or seven and one half in 5,000.

A strange negro made a criminal assault upon Mrs. Geo. Hughes, near Dallas, Texas, Thursday night. A posse has been sent for him with bloodhounds. Should he be captured it is probable he will never be tried.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Dr. F. L. Sims, one of the most eminent physicians in that section, died at his home in Memphis yesterday, aged sixty years.

The amount to be appropriated for pensions for the next fiscal year is placed at \$141,351,570,—\$10,000,000 less than last year.

The Knights of Labor adjourned their general assembly at New Orleans yesterday, after denouncing the issue of bonds by the United States government.

The new convention of amity, commerce, and navigation between the United States and Japan has been concluded and now awaits ratification by the Senate.

The proposed extension of civil service principles and regulations to diplomatic and consular service along the lines laid down in the Morgan bill is exciting comment.

It is stated that the Rev. Father Rookes, vice-rector of the American College at Rome, will succeed the Rev. Father Papi as secretary to the apostolic delegation at Washington.

For the first time in the history of North Carolina, a Roman Catholic has been elected a judge of the State Superior Court, in the person of W. S. O'Brien, the republican-populist nominee for the Raleigh district.

Mrs. W. P. Evans, a dairyman's wife in Putnam, Cal., yesterday saturated her clothing with coal oil and then set her garments on fire. She was burned to death. She had been previously insane, but had been released from the asylum.

The story current in the West that Senator Jones, of Nevada, and Senator Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania, are proceeding to the organization of a new political party designed to give Mr. Jones free silver, Mr. Cameron a presidential nomination and incidental benefits to the country is causing considerable talk among politicians in Washington.

Carnegie's wire nail works, occupying a whole square in Beaver Falls, Pa., were burned last night. The total loss will reach \$100,000. The works were equipped with the finest machinery, all of which was destroyed. Two hundred men will be thrown out of employment and the fire will likely stop the whole Carnegie interests in that place.

The Philadelphia authorities have decided to exhume the body upon which the Fidelity Life Insurance Company paid to Holmes and his fellow conspirators \$10,000 and to determine whether or not it is that of Pitzel. The Chicago police have obtained a clue regarding Pitzel, the accomplice of Holmes, alias Howard, who is now detained in Philadelphia on charges of swindling an insurance company out of \$10,000.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Miss Hattie Todd, formerly of Manassas, died at the home of her brother in New Jersey recently.

Mrs. Jane Dulany, living near Thoroughfare, died on Sunday morning, November 18, after a short illness from typhoid fever.

Miss Nancy Allen, daughter of Mr. T. W. Allen, of Allendale, and Mr. H. Ingalls Kimball, jr., of Chicago, were married in Winchester on Thursday.

Mr. John W. Genter and Miss Fannie H. Maron, daughter of Mr. John E. Maron, were married at the Presbyterian Church in Fredericksburg yesterday.

In the High School at Richmond yesterday James McBarin, a pupil, was stabbed fatally by Dudley Staples, a school-mate. It is claimed the cutting was accidental.

In Richmond yesterday evening Thomas W. McNamee, tried for killing Robert Lee Atwell, was found guilty of murder in the second degree and his punishment fixed at five years in the penitentiary.

Gov. O'Ferrall yesterday accepted the resignation of C. F. Moore as judge of the County Courts of Craig and Allegany. Judge Moore, who only assumed the office in January last, resigns to re-enter the ministry.

Rev. S. P. Watters, who has been the rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church Culpeper, for the last five years, preached his farewell sermon Sunday. Mr. Watters goes to Apalachicola, Fla., to take charge of the Episcopal church.

The damage suit for \$100,000 brought by S. T. Chapman, of Asheville, N. C., against the Yellow Poplar Lumber Company, of Coal Grove, Ohio, was yesterday decided in the United States District Court at Abingdon. The jury rendered a verdict for \$15,000 in favor of the plaintiff. This trial lasted a month.

The Grand Lodge of Masons will meet in Richmond on the first Tuesday in December. Major Mann Page is the grand master. He is now serving his first year and will, it is believed, decline re-election. A few years ago he was an earnest advocate of a motion to limit the grand master's term to one year, but the proposition failed. Major Page, to be consistent, can't accept another term, so some people say.

The Baptist Young People's Union, of Virginia, in Richmond, yesterday elected the following officers: President, J. C. Moss, of Lynchburg; first vice-president, John G. Pollard, of Richmond; second vice president, R. E. White, of Danville; third vice president, Lewis Hall, of Norfolk; secretary, Dr. George F. Bagby, of Danville; treasurer, A. A. Johnson, of Roanoke. The question of selecting the next place of meeting was left to the executive board.

John A. Cree, a widower, with several children, who is in the service of the Richmond Railway Company, was arrested in Richmond Thursday evening on the charge of the betrayal of Miss Ella Driver, of Manchester, under promise of marriage. Miss Driver is about twenty years old, really pretty, and has a well rounded figure. Cree does not deny having effected the girl's ruin, but claims that he can prove that he is not amenable to the law and that there are reasons why he should not marry the girl. He was held in \$1,000 bail.

When the case against J. Jacobs for larceny, brought by Greenbaum & Co., of Baltimore, was called in the Mayor's Court in Lynchburg yesterday, it was developed that Mr. Greenbaum, who was present in court on Thursday, and Jacobs was then placed on the stand, and testified that the Baltimore firm sold him the goods on 60 days' time, and had not consigned them, as was claimed. The justice thereupon dismissed the case. Jacobs has entered suit against Greenbaum & Co. for \$10,000.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Fall of Port Arthur.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The foreign office has received a dispatch from the British minister at Tokio confirming the report of the capture of Port Arthur. No details of the fight have yet been received, but all accounts agree that the Japanese torpedo boats engaged the attention of the forts while the troops closed around at the rear. Then the torpedo boats made a sudden and concerted dash and succeeded in getting inside the harbor. The Japanese artillery in the rear kept up a continuous fire upon the Chinese forts and the infantry made a succession of attacks upon the outer defenses which they captured. After the first onslaught by the Japanese the resistance of the Chinese is said to have been feeble, and finally they became panic-stricken and fled.

A Shanghai dispatch says that China has sent a special agent to Japan with instructions to accept any terms of peace except the cession of any portion of China proper to Japan.

A dispatch says that a large part of the victorious army will re-embark from Port Arthur. Four Japanese ships were near Shan Ha Kuan on November 20.

A correspondent at Shanghai says that part of the Japanese fleet will remain at Port Arthur and the rest of the ships will cruise in the Gulf of Pechili.

It is said that several foreign and English banks have offered to contract for a Chinese war indemnity gold loan at four per cent.

A dispatch says that the third Japanese corps which sailed from Ujima is destined for Weihaiwei, which place is in a state of utter collapse and confusion. The landward defenders of the place are deserting by thousands.

Fires.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Fire about 1 o'clock this morning destroyed a six story factory building on Roosevelt street. The flames extended to a tenement house adjoining, occupied by Italians. All reached the street in safety and they had hardly left their tenement when the flames reached it and it was destroyed.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 24.—At 2 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the rear portion of Little & Son's lively stable and quickly spread to the adjoining buildings. The armory hall of Company C, Fifth Regiment; Utley's wholesale drug store and Swift & Co.'s warehouse were entirely consumed.

Eighty-five horses in Little & Son's barn were burned to death. George Brewer, a hostler, was burned to death. The origin of the fire is supposed to be incendiary. The total loss will reach \$125,000.

Work of Robbers.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 24.—A special from Shiner, Tex., gives the details of the recent fire and robbery at that place. Just before daylight Thursday morning the citizens were awakened by a terrific explosion, followed almost immediately by a fire alarm. The explosion was caused by a daring gang of toughs. The robbers placed a charge of dynamite under the big steel vault of A. G. Wangemann and ignited it. The vault was torn to atoms, and while the fire began to devour the buildings, the gang detailed a guard to keep back the people, while two men sacked the boodle. The vault contained thousands of dollars, deposited there by farmers in the country. Mr. Wangemann admits that his loss is not less than \$20,000. About \$15,000 in books and accounts were also burned. A freight train passed immediately after the fire and a lot of men boarded it and rode away. Four men have been arrested on suspicion. About \$100,000 worth of property was burned.

An Escaped Convict Surrenders.

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—After wandering a fugitive from justice nearly fifteen years Samuel Carson, an escaped convict from the Jefferson City, Mo., prison, surrendered himself in this city yesterday. Carson has fallen heir to a fortune of \$10,000 by the death of his parents. Now he wants to go back to serve out the remainder of his term, five years, and then pass his days in peace. He also hopes that with the aid of the money he has fallen heir to he can employ attorneys who will secure him a pardon. Since his escape from prison he claims to have led an honest life. He was sentenced in 1877 to a term of eight years in the Missouri State penitentiary and escaped after serving three years of his term.

The Bond Issue.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—In speaking of the bond subscriptions this morning, President John A. Stewart, of the United States Trust Company, said:

"The number of bids that will be opened by Secretary Carlisle will astonish the whole world. They will exceed over \$150,000,000 in the aggregate. The prices obtained will be most satisfactory to the government. The Stewart commission consists of Drexel, Morgan and Company, the Union Trust Company and two other large concerns. Speyer and Co. have put in a bid for \$60,000,000, and Kuhn, Loeb and Company for over \$3,000,000 of the new bonds.

Southern Railway Mortgage Bonds.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that the banking house of J. S. Morgan and Company will issue four million pounds sterling of five per cent. mortgage gold bonds, redeemable in 1994, of the Southern Railway Company. There will be a general mortgage of £24,000,000, but £16,000,000 thereof will be issued in exchange for the old bonds and £4,000,000 will be reserved for issue in annual blocks. The £4,000,000 to be issued will probably be put out immediately.

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FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Nov. 24th.—The deposition of Charles J. Searcie, the alleged train robber, was taken to-day to be read in evidence in a civil suit between the Adams Express Co., and Charles Morgan over the money found on Morgan when he was arrested after the Aquia Creek train robbery. The object of the deposition was to identify the money found on Morgan as being the money taken from the express car. There was no one present at the taking of the deposition save the attorney's notary and Searcie and his guard and all declined to make public any portion of the testimony.

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FIGHT AT MANASSAS.—Some time

between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock on Monday night Mr. Geo. S. Whedbee walked into the sitting room of the Cannon House, at Manassas, and going up to Mr. Eppa Goodwin, who, with about a dozen others was sitting about, dealt him a terrific blow in the face with a spawl which weighed about a half pound. Every man in the room then sprang to his feet and amid the commotion and excitement that followed Mr. Whedbee was hustled out of home and Goodwin was taken outside. The latter soon returned to the room, however, and in a shorter time than it takes to tell it he and a young man by the name of Dimsey, who, it seems, was there in the capacity of friend to Whedbee, were rolling on the floor pummeling each other in the most approved rough and tumble fashion. As quickly as possible some of the bystanders seized Goodwin and pushed him out of the door. Only a few seconds elapsed before he returned and he, Dimsey, went to fighting again. Goodwin was again put out and again returned. Finally both of the belligerents locked in each other's embrace were gotten out onto the platform and it wasn't long before Goodwin put Dimsey to sleep. Dimsey came to shortly afterward and it was found that neither he nor Goodwin were much hurt.

All during the evening up until the

time that Whedbee struck Goodwin both the men were apparently on the best of terms.

The incident described above was the sequel of a most disgraceful and unfortunate affair. There is involved in the affair a young married woman, who is a daughter of the Mr. Whedbee referred to above. On Monday morning this young woman left her husband's home and went to the home of her father, her father says, for the reason that she had been unduly intimate with Goodwin. The husband, who is a telegraph operator, and a young man of exemplary habits and who is well thought of, will sue for a divorce.—Gazette.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—11 a. m.—Speculation at the Stock Exchange was firm during the greater part of the first hour and commission houses were moderate buyers of the leading issues. The early gain was equal to 3/4 of 1 per cent. and was marked in Southern Railway preferred and Richmond Terminal. At 11 o'clock the market was quiet and firm.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 24.—Virginia three

72; do century 58 1/2.

Alexandria Market, November 24.

The wholesale markets are without new features to-day and close steady at current prices. Flour, while easy, is no lower. Wheat is entirely without speculative spirit; sales 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55, latter for choice mill-lag, fancy. Corn is weak and dull at 48 to 51. Oats 34 to 37, last named figures for prime white. Rye is active at 50 to 55. Butter, Eggs and other Produce are quiet. Provisions and Millfeed are steady. Hay is fair.

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